

## Avontuur Luna de Miel Chardonnay Reserve 2000

The "Creme de la Creme" of the white grape varieties. A citrusy nose with butterscotch and peach aromas. A full-bodied wine with a complex combination of hazelnut and vanilla, which greet you with a gentle lime finish.

**variety :** Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

**winery :** Avontuur Estate

**winemaker :** Lizelle Gerber

**wine of origin :**

**analysis :** alc : 14.0 % vol   rs : 3.5 g/l   pH : 3.6   ta : 6.8 g/l

**type :** White

**pack :** Bottle   **size :** 0   **closure :** 0

The South African Trophy Wine Show 2002 - Silver  
Veritas 2001 - Double Gold

### Meaning of Luna de Miel

Luna de Miel was known as South Africa's million dollar Broodmare in 1986. Purchased in the Argentine in 1982 at a partial dispersal sale from the Perkinses who were forced to sell due to the economic turmoil surrounding the Falkland Island crisis. Luna de Miel has graced Avontuur for 18 years and we were privileged to have been part of her life and the lives of her progeny. This very special and unique wine has been named after a very treasured and valuable thoroughbred broodmare who passed away at the age of twenty seven and is buried on Avontuur soil.

**in the vineyard :** Grapes grown on the more western slopes of the farm - the Big canopy assures a well-balanced wine while protecting primary flavours. Planted in deep Hutton soils.

**about the harvest:** The grapes were picked at 23.8° Balling.

**in the cellar :** The grapes were pressed and settled for 48 hours, clear juice directly to new French Oak barrels. Fermented with four different yeast strains and aged on the primarily lees for 9 months. Weekly battonage contributed to yeast autolysis, which gives the buttery, yeasty flavours. Malolactic fermentation allowed to take place naturally.

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